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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 7

Part B for Oct- 1939.

SUBJECT.

Appeals against the orders of the Tanjore Commissioner in the matter of certain arrangements for the worship of Sri Jyathiraja Vigraha in Sri Jyathiraja Swamy at Mel Mole and distribution of Tirtha to him.

Roc. 5-37 of 11-9-39,
to Tanjore Commissioner.

Forwards the copy of the decision in Tanjore appeal referred to therein.

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NOTES.

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FILE HEADING

Appeal of Sri Yathiraja mutt at Melkote.

FROM

The Swamigalu of Sri Mutt.

No — Dated 7.7.1938 Received 8.7.38

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BRILF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Appeals against the order of the Mysore Commissioner in the matter of certain arrangements for the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha in Sri Yathiraja mutt at Melkote and distribution of Tirtha to him.

NOTES AND ORDERS

The order of the M.C. appealed against is dated 4.2.38/9.3.38, but it is not clear when exactly the endorsement of the M.C. was received by the appellant Swamigalu. If the M.C. has immediately communicated his order in the appeal case on the file of this Court to the appellant, it may be stated that the appeal is barred by time.

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& Claim of Sri Yatiraja mudr ar melkote
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The details of the records may be called for
Rs 9/7/38.

2) The appeal is strictly belated. The delay may be condoned & the records called for & examined

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4) The words may be called for
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No 69 & 18-7-38.

(1) From Un 12/7
No 68 & 18.7.1938 from the Muzrai Commissioner calling for records connected with the case. 2

Letter No Ha 6/38-39 & 15/11/38 from the Muzrai Commissioner furnishing the records relating to the appeal of Sri Yatiraja Mudr at Melkote.

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Mem appl. in S.A. 38. 39 re. Sri Yathiraja Swamy claiming Tatkam after the worship of Yathiraja Vigraha in the melkote Temple.

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The Amildar in his detailed report dt. 27.8.38 has made it clear that the entire trouble is due to one Raghavachar, Archak of the Swami Sannidhi who happens to be the Panchanadi & worshipper also in the Subbaiah Gudi where in the Yathiraja Vigraha is installed, & says that one important thing to be settled in this case is whether worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha & giving of Tatha to the Yathiraja Swamiji after Puja has to take place before or after Gosthi Tatha & Vinyogas in the main Shrine. In the course of enquiry after collecting necessary evidence, he says that both after Subbaiah Gudi Nivedana of "Shuddhannam" as Yathiraja Vigraha Sannidhi has to take place before Gosthi Tatha & that at the time of worship & Nivedana the Swamiji is entitled to Tatkam as [illegible]

The original Ayakat Book is not been enclosed among the records. It is for the applicants to produce it before [illegible]

As for the facts of the case, their depn is in [illegible]

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Mem appl no. S. of 38-39 re: Claim of Sri Yathiraja mutt at Melkote for Talkam at certain stage.

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No. S. 226/34-35 of 14.11.36 - The D.C. also observes that the entire trouble is due to the fact that the Sthanacharya distributes Tatha at Sri Ramanujachari's Sannidhi & also performs worship in Sri Yathiraja Mutt. & has indicated certain arrangements which are as follows: —

1) When the Yathiraja Swami is away from Melkote, the archak of Sri Ramanujachari's Sannidhi should worship Sri Yathiraja Vigraha before distributing of Tatha to the Goshti in Sri Narayana Swami Temple at Sri Ramanujachari's Sannidhi & not should be on distribution of Tatha to the Goshti as the Sri Yathiraja Sannidhi.

2) When he Camps at Melkote he may be allowed to send his own archak to Sri Narayana Swami Temple to take Tatha & Nivedana for worship at Sri Yathiraja Vigraha & for distribution of Talkam to the Goshti of his disciples at Sri Yathiraja Sannidhi, Talkam & Nivedana are from Sri [illegible] Swami Temple to Sri Yathiraja Vigraha as a Sattvik food. Only Sattvik with the archak deputed by the Sri Yathiraja [illegible] before [illegible]

General and Revenue Secretariat

Mem appl No. 507-38-287. Sri Yathiraja Mutt vs Sri Parakala Mutt re: the claim of the former to Tirtham after worship of Sri Yathiraja

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The Sri Ramanujachari Samasthi - As both the mutts were not satisfied with this, they were in appeal before the H.C. who in his decision of 4.2.38 has upheld that Sri Parakala mutt is entitled to Agraasana, that the priority is allowed in other Anna Gothi and that the same Arrangement should be enforced in the other Gothi Sri Yathiraja Mutt.

Arrangement dt. 19.8.15 keeping the Parakala Mutt to have the first Tirtha is pointed for reference ; if it is conceded that the H.C. order is one in favour of the Yathiraja Mutt feels humiliated, it is whether the case may be posted for hearing, thereby the respective heads will have an opportunity to establish their respective claims in the Privy Council.

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Petition dt 8-11-38, from Mr M. G Rangasami Iyengar, 1/32, Srigavachar St, Triplicane Madras, praying (1) for the instalta of dome lights in the meeting pla of VI th cross Road and Sampige Avenue Road, Malleswaram Bangalore city and (2) prot. light against the order directing the Jatiraja Mutt to give Agrahirtham to the Agent of Sri Parakala mutt

(16) As regards point one all the previous petitions have been sent to the Dist Commr, Bangr, for disposal. No action seems necessary on this point now

(17) As regards Point 2, the matter has to be dealt with in the Muzrai Branch. If agreed, this petn will be transferred to Muzrai Branch for necessary action

Mr. B.N. Sd/- 18/11 Sd/- 18/11

Given home on 30/11

(19) Muzrai Branch Sd/- 25/11/38

(20) It has formed the subject matter of an appeal before the

The 8) Swamigalu of Vijayarajapuram has come up in appeal before us against the order re: The distribution of Tirtha at the Subrahmanya temple in the Kalkere village wherein yesterday & Vigrahas have been installed — While the case is pending decision, no notice of the kind is taken for. This will be fixed after perusal of appeal —

11/12 11.12.38.

22) This might stand in Mark for Mon 11/12/38

Attended to

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Appeal by Sri Yatiraja Mutt re: its claims for distribution of Tirtha before Goshti Mahajans.

General and Revenue Secretariat — File No. 13 of 1938. — [App. F. III—2

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Letter No He 6 of 38-39 dt 2-2-39 from the Mag. in Commissioner forwarding Colly copy Ayakattupathi of 1852 pertaining to the Temple at Melkote.

2) Flag A is a legible Colly of the marginal Shara to Sri Yatiraja Swamigalu in the Melkote Temple & the original portion is Flag A (dotted). From the Ayakattu Pathi Colly furnished by the M.C. it is seen that the Sauce archak who worships in Sri Ramanujachari Sannidhi worships in Sri Yatiraja Swami Sannidhi & Doon ablei at Ramanujachari Sannidhi Puja is over, & gives Tirtha etc to the Swamigalu of Sri Yatiraja Mutt as the Shara refers to para 11 supra.

Flag A 6/2/39.

25) The facts of the case are clearly explained in the Mag. Commissioners order. The Ayacattu extracts do not throw any light on the question. The M.C's order proceeds on the basis that the Sri Parakala Mutt as an Adhi Sthanam and that matters connected with the main temple should ordinarily be done by the Sri Parakala Jeeyar as

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10) Appeal of the Swamigale, Sri Vythinaja Desi
Claiming Tatha before Coshti Manager in

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There seems to be considerable
force in this View. Under the circumstances
Swamigale can establish by
documentary evidence his right
to Archakathvam in the Sri Vythinaja Swami
the order in appeal has to be set aside.

If the case may be heard. In
this case the order under appeal
was passed by the II Member and I.P

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Engrossed,

27) may be referred to the
1st member of Council for disposal
after hearing.

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& Dewan) Sgn 10/3 Sgn
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1st member) Sgn 15/3 Sgn

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Posted to 26th July 1939.

The case has been adjourned to the Counsels

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Muzappl 5 of 38-39 : The Swamiyaru of Sri Yadugiri Mutt Claiming Tirtha before Goshti Mandale in the Temple at Melkote.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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On both sides have been informed of this in the Court.

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26/7 — The Case has been posted to Saturday the 26th Aug 1939.

GS 24/8/39. The case comes up for hearing on 26/8/39. The Counsel for the appellant has been present & heard; the agent of the respondent together with his Counsel was heard. Order reserved.

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O R D E R.

The practice, which appears to have prevailed during certain periods, of interrupting the service in the shrine of Sri Ramanuja and adjourning to that of Sri Yethiraja for worship, is not justified by usage or authority. Such a practice is calculated to impair the right of the Sri Parkala Matha to agra thirtha honours in the Melkote temple and was in all probability surreptitiously introduced for that very purpose. The Muzrai Commissioner's order under appeal, directing that the ceremonies, -including Goshti Viniyoga, with agra thirtha to the Rajaguru-, should be completed at the Sri Ramanjuga shrine, before worship is commenced in the Yethirajaswami shrine has therefore to be upheld.

The question as to whether the Sri Parkala Matha should be given precedence once again in the distribution of thirtha at the Yethirajaswami shrine was raised

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at a late stage of the controversy. It involves issues of a somewhat different character and has to be settled, by the local Muzrai officers in the first instance, after due enquiry.

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Memo No 537 of 11-9-39 of the Muzrai Commissioner forwarding copy of the decision in muzrai appeal referred to herein.

Memo no 538 of 11.9.39 of the Honorary Superintendent of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple Triplicane forwarding copy of the above decision for information.

Memo no 539 of 11.9.39 of the Sri Yathiraja Swamigal C/o his Counsel Mr S.K. Venkatarangachariyar Advocate Bangalore city for information.

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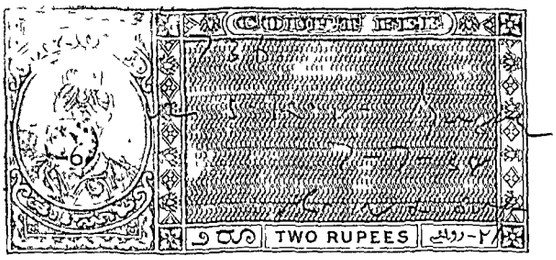

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BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE, BANGALORE.

Muzrai Appeal No. 5 of 37-39.

Appellant:- Sri Yethiraja Swami Mutt of Melkote by its Agent.

Vs.

Respondent:- Sri Parakalaswami Mutt, Mysore, by its Honorary Superintendent.

Under Section of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Act, the appellant above named craves leave to prefer an appeal against the decision of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore in Muz.Appeal 19 of 36-37 on his file for the following among other grounds:-

1. The learned Muzrai Commissioner while opining that the learned Deputy Commissioner's order could not be supported as it was based on his own notions of logic familiar with modern conditions has fallen into another error by being influenced by the circumstance that the head of the Parakal Mutt was the Rajaguru, without troubling to consider the limits of the privileges conferred on the Rajaguru by the Government, even though invited to do so, a specific ground of appeal being urged with regard to this matter.

The appellant submits that the Agra Thirtha Honours were specifically restricted under the Government Order following the recommendation of the Committee to the giving of Agra Thirtha only at the Melkote Temple and that at the time of "Shatumore", as is apparent by the statement in the Committee's Report paras 13 and 14 "that if

the Yathis did not like to receive Thirtha after the Mukdars in the Goshti at the time of the "Shathumore" they had to visit the temple at other times and that the payment of these honours which are generally paid only after "Shathumore" at the time of the daily worship would not amount to disrespect to others although of higher standing who could come at other times and receive special honours to which their status may entitle them."

3. The learned Muzrai Commissioner failed to notice that all this had reference to the Appellant Mutt's head whose special honours to which his status entitled him was left unimpaired at other times than at the time of the distribution of the Thirtha for the Goshti at the time of the "Shathumore"

4. The learned Muzrai Commissioner has failed to notice that by giving effect to his orders a new privilege not contemplated by the Government or His Highness will have been conferred on the head of the Respondent Mutt to the deprivation of an existing privilege in favour of the head of the Appellant Mutt as recognised by grant and by usage from so long ago as years 1851 and 1852. evidenced by the Aya Kattu Patties available from the Temple Records.

5. The learned Muzrai Commissioner has erred in law in not affording the Appellant the opportunity to place his aspect of the case before the Sub Divisional Officer whose enquiry was ex-parte, though a previous Muzrai Commissioner had ordered

early as in the year 1930 that practices which existed before 1-6-30 should not be changed by local Officers before proper enquiry and without sanction.

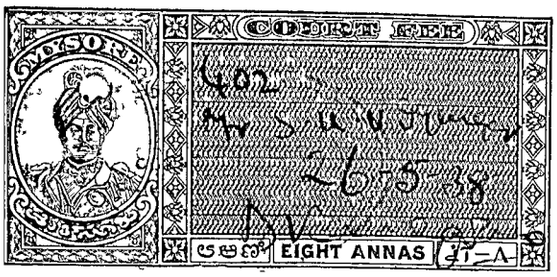
6. The learned Muzrai Commissioner has erred in Law in not taking into consideration either the grants in respect of Agra Thirtham honours or usages affecting Agra Thirtham honours but in passing an order based on his own conception of the Maryadas due to Raja-guru and it is respectfully submitted that he has fallen into this error because of the long interval between the time he heard arguments and between the time he passed the final order.

7 The orders so far as they relate to the distribution of the Thirtham in the Sthalagudi which is situated within the precincts of Sri Yethiraja Mutt would, it is submitted, place the Sri Yethiraja Swami in such a humiliating position in his own Mutt and would place him on a status inferior to the Agent of the Sri Parakalmutt as it is only the Agent of the Sri Parakala Swami that will be present to receive Thirtha. The learned Muzrai Commissioner has failed to notice that it is this aspect that influenced the learned Deputy Commissioner in passing an order which he felt would reconcile privileges of two important Matadhipatis.

Wherefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Government be pleased to remedy the injustice and pass orders for the continuance of the distribution of Thirtha to Sri Yathiraja Swamy as was in vogue from at least 1851 and 1852.

Bangalore,

for Appellant.



In the Court of the Munsif Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore

Mfp: 19/36-37.

Appellant: —

The Honorary ~~Secretary~~ Superintendent of Sri Ranakala Mutt, Mysore

Respondent: —

Sri Yethiraja Mutt by its Agent

Mfp: 26/36-37

Appellants: —

The Agent of Sri Yethiraja Matt

vs

Respondent

The Honorary Superintendent of Sri Ranakala Mutt, Mysore.

Subject

These are appeals preferred by both the Appellant-Respondent Mutts in his: case No. M. 226/34-35 before the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore district against his order in the above case, ordering certain arrangements for the worship of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yethiraja Mutt at Melkote, and distribution of Hindu to Sri Yethirajaswami Jatra.

Facts of the case

The Sri Yethiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yethiraja Matt, forms one of the 14 subalayadies of Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote. A provision of Rs 7-8-0 is made in the sanctioned scale of the main temple for [illegible]

Dasari in these subalaqudies
after Naivedya in the main temple
Paricharaks of subalaqudies receive a
padi of "ಶಂಖ" for Nivedana, a cup of
Theertha and some Tulasi; and these are
offered by the archaks concerned to
their respective subalaqudi deities
before distribution of Theertha to the
Goshti at the Sri Ramanujachari's Samidhi.
But in the case of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha
the archak of Sri Ramanujachari's shrine
also happens to be its archak as well as
Paricharak with the result that he will
have to go to Sri Yethiraja Vigraha for puja
and distribution of Theertha, after com-
pleting Nivedana and Goshti Theertha
and Viniyoga at Sri Ramanujachari's
shrine.

In April 1930, the Honorary
Superintendent of the Sri Ramakala
Mutt complained to the Deputy Com-
missioner that contrary to the esta-
blished practice, the archak of Sri
Ramanujachari's shrine was wan-
dering the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha
and offering Theertha to the Sri Yethi-
rajaswamigalu immediately after
Nivedana in the Sri Ramanujachari's
shrine and then returning to Rama-
nujachari's shrine to offer Theertha &
Viniyoga to the goshti and that this
change affected the Agra-Theertha
honor due to the Mutt, whereupon the
Deputy Commissioner ordered the insti-
tution of an enquiry into the matter.
The Amildar who enquired into the matter
found that the practice was to offer
Theertha & Viniyoga to the goshti in the
Sri Ramanujachari Samidhi soon
after Nivedana thereof, and then
worship Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and

Sri Thirtha to Sri Yathirajaswamigalu that, after the Sri Yathirajaswami came to Melkote, the archak was worshipping the Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and offering thirtha to Sri Yathirajaswamigalu immediately after Nivedana in the Sri Ramanujachari's shrine and before goshti thirtha and vinnapa under the instructions alleged to have been issued by the temple pantalegar - which allegation, the Pantalegar denied. The Amildar accordingly ordered that the previous practice should be restored and reported the facts to the Deputy Commissioner.

In the meanwhile, complaints having been received in this office from the Yathiraja Mutt, the Deputy Commissioner was informed that existing practice should not be changed by local officers before proper enquiry and without sanction. In reply, the Deputy Commissioner reported that the order of the Amildar had not changed the existing practice; but had restored the practice in vogue according to Ayakattupatti which had been deviated temporarily; and that he had instructed the Subdivision Officer to arrange for regular worship in the Mutt which had been stopped, and submit a report.

The question as to whether the archak of Sri Ramanujachari's Sannidhi should go to Yathiraja Mutt for puja and offer thirtha to Yathiraja Swamigalu thereat, soon after Nivedana and before goshti thirtha in the Sri Ramanujachari's shrine or after it, having come up for decision before the

a quotha detailed report from the local officers and hearing the parties, passed the order under appeal directing inter-alia that whenever the Sri Yethirajaswami Camps at Kelkote, he may send his own archak to the Sri Narayanaswami temple, Tokate Thirtha and Nivedana for worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and for distribution of thirtha to the goshti of his disciples at the Sri Yethiraja Sannidhi and that when the Sri Yethirajaswamigalu is not at Kel-Kote, the archak of Sri Ramanuja-chari's shrine should worship the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha before distribution of thirtha to the goshti at Sri Ramanujachari's Sannidhi.

The Appellant, in appeal 19/36-37, the Honorary Superintendent of the Parakala Matt, contends that the worship of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yethiraja Matt was taking place only after the distribution of thirtha to the goshti at Sri Ramanujachari's shrine, which fact is established beyond doubt by the agrahara patti of 1852, and that the order of the Deputy Commissioner is against mamool and deprives the Sri Parakala Matt of Agra thirtha honor to which it is entitled.

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On the other hand, the appellant in Appeal 26/36-37, the Agent of the Sri Yethiraja Matt, states that as per agrahara patties of 1851 and 1852 the worship of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha should take

place before the distribution of Hiri
and Vinjaya at the Sri Ramanuja-
charis Samidhi, that the Agra
Hintha maniyade to the Respondent
Mutt is specifically restricted to the
honours shown to the Mutt at the
time of "Shathumaai" that the Res-
pondent has said that there is no
Objection to the Hintha being sent
to the Sri Yathirajasamanyo suttala
-gadi before distribution of Hin
-tha to the goshti and that there is
no warrant for postponing the
distribution of Hintha at the Sri
Yathiraja Suttalagadi till after goshti
Hintha in the Sri Ramanuja charis
shrine.

Both the contending parties
rely upon the ayakattu patti of 1853
The original ayakattu patti is not
available, as it is reported to have
been sent to the Special ~~Agent~~ Agent
Hintha Committee of 1915, the
papers relating to which are stated
to have been destroyed by Govern-
ment. According to the un-certi-
fied copy of ayakattu patti
of 1853, furnished in the records,
wherein the procedure in respect
of daily ~~worship~~ seva in the
temple is cited, it is clear that
the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha
should take place only after the
Hintha at the Sri Ramanuja charis
samidhi. The Ayakattu patti

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relied upon by the Yatiraja Mutt is in respect of mariyade to be shown to Yatis and Acharya purushas wherein it is stated that after Aradhane to Sri Ramanujachar, the archak should take Theertha and Thirumale to Sri Yathiraja Mutt for worship etc and this is interpreted to take place immediately after Nivedana at Sri Ramanujachar's shrine and before goshti Theertha. The statements of the archak of Sri Ramanujachar's shrine as well as the panichavak of Sri Thirukachi Nambi have been obtained. The former has deposed on 5th May 1930, that prior to 1916-17 the practice was to worship Sri Yathiraja Vigraha immediately after Nivedana at Sri Ramanuja-charis shrine, give Theertha to Yathi-rajaswamigalu if he is present and then go to Sri Ramanujachar's Sannidhi and distribute Theertha to the goshti that since then, the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha was being taken up only after dis-tribution of Theertha to the goshti but that since the coming of the Yathirajaswamigalu to Melkote, the former procedure was being followed under the instructions from the Parapathegar etc while the latter has deposed on 9th May 1930 that he has been in temple service

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Since 1894 the head of the Jethiraja Vignana Mutt was shipped immediately after Nivedana to Sri Ramanujacharya and that he has, at no time seen thirtha being given to the goshti before the return of the archaka from the Jethiraja Mutt. No other documentary evidence is forth-coming in the records.

The case came up for hearing on 10th May 1937, when Messrs: K.V. Bhashyam Iyengar B.A., B.L., for the Sri Parakala Mutt and S.K. Venkataramaya Iyengar B.A., L.B.S for the Sri Jethiraja Mutt were present and heard.

Order No. Appl 26/36-37
Dated 4-2-38
9-3-1938

I have perused the objections urged by both the appellants against the order passed by the Deputy Commissioner. The latter's order aims at effecting a compromise between the parties and a kind of via media has been indicated, based on, general considerations. It must however be pointed out that it is very difficult to settle matters of privilege and prestige in temple practices by appeal to logic as it strikes people familiar only with modern conditions. On this basis, I would set aside the new arrangement ordered by the Deputy Commissioner.

Sri Parakala Swamigalu is entitled to Agra thirtha as Rajaguru. It is seen that this procedure

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is allowed in

It follows that the above arrange-
ment must be enforced in res-
pect of the Subbalaya also. I,
therefore, order that puja should
be done in Sri Ramanuja charya's
temple and goshti thirtha and
Vibhuti done, giving priority to
Sri Parakala Matt, thereafter the
archak should go to the Subbalu-
gudi in Sri Yathirajaswami Matt,
offer puja and distribute thirtha
and Vibhuti, maintaining here
also the priority conceded to Sri
Parakalaswamigalu.

The Deputy Commissioner's
order will be modified accord-
ingly.

Sd/ T. V. Anantaraman
Musri Commissioner.

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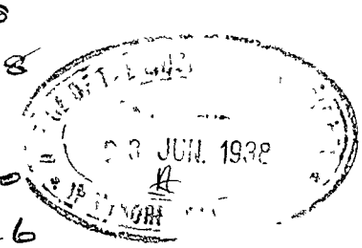

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Before the Govt. of H.H. The Maharaja
~~In the Court~~ of ~~the~~ Mysore,

BANGALORE

Murza No. of 1938-39

Plaintiff Petitioner Appellant		Defendant Opponent Respondent
Sri Rajaraajeswariji Mutt @ Melkote by its Agent	Vs.	Sri Parakalaswamiji Mutt, Mysore.

I/We the Appellants above-named, do hereby appoint and retain MR. S K. VENKATARANGAIENGAR, B.A., LL.B, Advocate, to appear for **me/us** in the above suit proceeding, petition or appeal, and to conduct, and prosecute or defend the same and all proceedings that may be taken in respect of any application for execution of any decree or order passed therein **I/we** empower **my/our** Advocate to appear in all miscellaneous proceedings in the suit or matter till all decrees or orders are fully satisfied or adjusted, to obtain the return of documents, draw any moneys that may be payable to **me/us** in the said suit or matter, withdraw, compromise or refer to arbitration the suit, and take all other steps that he may deem proper in the matter. And **I/we** undertake to ratify and confirm all legal acts done or caused to be done, and to pay all fees, costs, charges and expenses which may be incurred by **my/our** said Advocate in the case by virtue of these presents.

In witness whereof **I/we** have hereunder set **my/our** hand this 10th day of April 1938.

Accepted.

S. Venkatarangaiengar

Advocate
for appellants.

Signed by the executant
in my presence

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 68/ Muzrai 13-38-2 *Dated, Bangalore,* 18th July 1938.

Official Memorandum.

The accompanying Appeal Petition Registered No.22. dated 8th July 1938 received at the General and Revenue Secretariat from the Swamigalu of Sri Yathiraja Mutt, in Melkote, Seringapatam Taluk, appealing against the order of the Muzrai Commissioner regarding the arrangements for the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yathiraja Mutt at Melkote is forwarded with compliments to the Muzrai Commissioner for favour of submitting entire records connected with the case together with a report on the points referred to in the petition.

By Order,

General Secretary to Government

GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.

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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. 68 / Rev Orders / 16-7-38

The accompanying Petition Registered
Appeal

No. 22 dated 8:7:38

received at the General and Revenue
Secretariat from the Swamiyaru of
Sri Yatiraja mutt, Melkote,
Seringapatam T.K., appealing
against the order of the D.C.
regarding the arrangements for the
worship of Sri Yatiraja vigraha in the
Sri Yatiraja mutt at Melkote

is forwarded, together with its enclosures
to the the D.C. of .....
..... for ... Swamiyaru
to submit the entire records
connected with the case

By Order,

Secretary.

BANGALORE,
16/7/ 1938

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Papers may
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By Order,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 15th November 193 8.

FROM

K. V. ANANTARAMAN, ESQ., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

L. Venkatesa Iyengar, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General *Department.*

SIR,

Appeal of Sri Yethiraja Mutt against the Order of the Muzrai Commissioner No.App.19/36-37 dated 9-3-1938 re. the Worship of Sri Yethiraja Perumal and distribution of Tirtha at Melkote.

With reference to your Official Memorandum No.68/Jus.13-38-2 dated the 18th July 1938 forwarding the appeal-petition of the Sri Swamigalu of Sri Yethiraja Mutt, for submission of connected records, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No.H.73/38-39 dated 8th November 1938 received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, with the connected records, and also this office file Nos. App.19/36-37 and 26/36-37, and to state that the facts of the case are fully set forth in the preamble to this office Order No.App.19/36-37 dated 9-3-1938 (vide Flag 'B' in this office file Nos. App.19/36-37 and 26/36-37). The appeal-petition is also enclosed in the records.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Pet. No. 1273

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Dated 23-11-1938

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GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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The accompanying petition addressed to the Dewan is forwarded, with compliments, to the Secretary to Government, L. S. G. Department, for favour of disposal.

By Order,

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for Private Secretary to the Dewan.

ALLAH HO AKBAR

1/32 Srinivachari Street, Triplicane, Madras.

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN
8 C 1938
Date of receipt 23:1:38
Peer Reg No 1223

To

The Dewan of Mysore,
at Bangalore.

Honoured Sir,

1) As a Mysorean in the first instance and as an humble devotee of His Almighty God Sri Parthasarathy Swami at Triplicane, in paying my humble respects to Your Honour as in duty bound, I most respectfully beg to submit the following few lines for favour of your honour's kind consideration and such action as your honour may think fit in the matter.

2) Firstly, it is but my humble duty in the cause of humanity, to invite your honour's kind attention to the matter of putting up a dome light in the meeting place of XIth Cross Road & Sampige Avenue Road, making the same a circle as "Sri Gopalakrishna circle" in the interest of traffic both vehicular and pedestrian, cent in that connection to your honour's D.O. No. 974 dated 20.9.1937 which is without any reply since the last one year.

3) Secondly, when I had been to Bangalore last month, I came to know that there is a proposal to make the playground now being used by the Y.M.M.A into a park allotting a field with said Association for playground in front of Sri Gopalakrishna Temple in XIth Cross Road.

4) In this connection I have to write with all humbleness in me, that I am also one, if the proposal is at the request of Mysoreans domiciled.

5) But, if the proposal is to be at the instance of gentlemen who came and settled here & have become Mysoreans by settlement, then my humble self, as a Mysorean, feeling that Mysore is for Mysoreans fully Mysoreans alone and as such always foregoing to this Almighty Sri Sri Parthasarathy Swami at Triplicane for the

welfare of the rule of the land. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and the officers of the State & the Subjects in general, have to unite with emphasis, that the Custodian of all legitimate interests of Mysoreans like your honour, Shares Iyengar many times before giving his proposal his necessary effect taking into consideration the most important fact that the young men playing are sons of the soil & belonging to respectable families, who deserve sportsmen in fields are to become in course of time sportsmen in particular life in the different branches of administration of the State for such their claim shares have a preference

b) When I had been to Mysore, to my utter surprise I learnt that an order is passed directing the Yadiraja Mutt to give Rs 6 from Kiru Kanike to the Mutt of Sri Parakala mutt: and it is not known under what circumstances.

c) So one who is corresponding with the Trustees of the Temple at Tirupati came, for the maintenance of the time honoured customs & precedents in the Temple, as an humble devotee of Sri Yadugiri Yati Mutt and a staunch disciple of the great Social Reformer Sri Ramanuja &c. - in case on earth, I humbly write with emphasis that the order is quite against the time honoured customs & precedents in the said Mutt to the best of my knowledge & belief and the officers concerned & the head of the administration at Mysore should be time honoured custodians of the customs & precedents in religious institutions & should see that there are no innovation in any religious institutions & quite against the time honoured customs & precedents observed in a particular institution so that in the present case, the order referred to above is quite an innovation & the renamed Swami should be pleased to take suitable steps under the said circumstances.

d) Thanking you kindly & awaiting your kind early reply.

I remain,

Yours most obedient

Sd/- Rangaswamy Iyengar

Advocate Bangalore

SUBJECT .....

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Section Misc

File No. 13-38

Serial No. 5

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. 926

To

The M. C.

Sir,

With ref.ce to your letter no He6/38-30 of 15/11/38 submitting record relating to the appeal of Sri Yathiraja Mutt in the matter of the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and distribution of Tirtha to the Adhikari The Yathiraja Swamigal at Melkote, I am directed to enclose herewith a memorandum to observe that an authenticated copy of Ayakattu Patti of 1852 referred to in your letter dated 15/11/38 is available among the records and has not been received with your letter. The said record is returned herewith and is requested you to acknowledge the same.

So good as to do so.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 12.12.38

Signed by Dewan S. D. L. V. Iyer

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 12th December 1938.

No. 926/ Mys 13-38-5

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness,
the Maharaja of Mysore

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.H.C.6/38-39 dated 15th November 1938 submitting records relating to the appeal of Sri Yathiraja Mutt in the matter of the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and distribution of Tirtha to His Holiness the Yathiraja-Swamigalu at Melkote, I am directed to observe that the uncorroborated copy of Ayakattu Patti of 1852 referred to in para 7 of your order in Appeal No. 19/36-37 as being available among the records has not been received with the records sent by you with your letter of 15th November 1938 referred to above and to request you to be so good as to obtain and forward for reference and return.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for General Secretary to Government.

Als.

OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE

Bangalore, 30th January 1939.

4. FEB. 1939

S. A. L. WAJID, Esq., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Ms13-38-6.

To

R. Subba Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,

General Department,

GENERAL SECRETARY.
3 FEB. 1939

SIR,

Appeal of Sri Vedantaraja Dutt [illegible] Vedantaraja Vidyarana at Melkote.

With reference to your letter No. 26/Ms.13-38-6 dated 12th December 1938 re. the above, I have the honour to forward herewith the copy of the Myasandra Village Map (old), received with the Mysore District Deputy Commissioner's letter No. H.73/38 dated 25-1-1939, as required therein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
M. N. Ramachar.
for Muzrai Commissioner.
(absent on leave)

Letter No.H.73/38 dated 8-11-38 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Subject:- Appeal of Sri Yethiraja Mutt against the order of Muzrai Commissioner No.App.19/36-37 dated 9-3-38 re. the worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and distribution of Tirtha at Melkote.

Adverting to your letter No.H.C.6/38-39 dated 22-7-1938 on the above subject, I have the honor to forward herewith the records received from the Sub Division Officer, French Rocks, and to state that the facts of the case are contained in your Order No. App.19/36-37 dated 9-3-38, a copy of which is enclosed in the records.

"Copy"

N. Bramhaiah.

For Muzrai Commissioner.

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TWO RUPEES

IN THE COURT OF THE Govt of the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

CASE NO. Thurs Appeal no 5 OF 1938–1939.

PLAINTIFF		DEFENDANT
Sree Yetheraja & anr by agent	VS.	Sree Parakala Mutt by agent.

1 I the above named do, by these presents retain Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Ayyangar, advocate to appear for and conduct the above case on my behalf to Judgment.

2. I further empower him to do all the necessary acts in the above case and to execute any decree, order that may be passed in my behalf and to receive, from the court all documents, refunds and all sums of money that I may be entitled to get and grant receipts therefor.

3. I also undertake to confirm and ratify all the legal acts done by the said advocate or any other on his behalf in so doing.

HON. SUPERINTENDENT

Accepted

K.T. Bhashyam Ayyangar
Advocate for

Dated 26.7.1939.

Signed before me and personally known to me

Dated 12/8/1939.

12/8/39

Sree Krishna Power Press, Mysore.

TWO RUPEES

Before The ~~the High Court~~ of Mysore
BANGALORE.

Muz. A NO. 5 OF 1938–1939.

Sheri Yethiraj' Mutt	Vs.	The Sri Parakala Mutt

Messrs K. T. BHASHYAM IYENGAR, B.A , B.L., & M. SESHADRI, B A., LL.B ,
Advocates

I, the ~~plaintiff~~ the respondent the ..... abovenamed do hereby nominate and appoint the said advocates in the above case and do hereby empower the said advocates to appear for and on ..my.. behalf in the above case, to take all steps which may be necessary on ..my.. behalf arising out of or in connection with the above case either during progress or after its decision to sign and subscribe their names to any document which they may deem proper to execute any decree that may be passed in ..my.. favour and to receive out of the Court any refund of money wich may be lodged or become payable or receivable on ..my.. behalf and on receipt thereof to grant receipts or other sufficient discharges for the same, to withdraw, compromise or refer to arbitration the said case to appoint one or more substitute or substitutes and to act and perform all other matters and things relating thereto or connected therewith, to represent ..me.. in matters relating to the same and to act as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as ..I.. might do if personally present and did the same. And I do hereby agree to pay all fees, costs, charges and expenses which may be incurred and to allow, ratify, and to confirm whatsoever the said Advocates shall lawfully do or cause or procure to be done by virtue of these presents.

Sri Parka[illegible]

Accepted

Signed before me by the executant who is known to me

Advocate

Advocates for ~~plaintiff~~ respt

26/8/39

Yajaman & Son, Bangalore City.

Dated 13-38-7.

Before the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Mysore Appeal No. 5 of 1938-9

Appellant. *Vs.* Respondent

The Swamigalu of Sri Yathiraj Mutt at Melkote by agent.

The Swamigalu of Sri Prahalad Mutt Mysore by The Hon. Supdt.

Subject.

Appeal against the M-C's order in the matter of certain arrangements ordered by the D.C. Mysore for the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha & distribution of Tirtha to Sri Yathiraja Swamigalu at Melkote -

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The facts of the case are as follows:-

1. The Sri Yathiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yathiraja Mutt is one of the 14 Suttalgudies of Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote. A provision of Rs.7-8-0 is made in the sanctioned scale of the main temple for ಶುದ್ಧ ತೀರ್ಥಕ್ಕೆ in these Suttalgudies. Immediately after Naivedya in the main temple, the parichariks of Suttalgudies receive a padi of ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಬೆಲ್ಲ ತೆಂಗಿನಕಾಯಿ for naivedana, a cup of thirtha, and some tulasi, and these are offered by the concerned Archaks to the respective Suttalgudies before distributi n of thirtha to the

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the Goshti at Sri Ramanuja Charya's shrine. The Archaka of Sri Ramanujacharya's shrine happens to be the Archka of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and consequently he has to go to Sri Yethiraja Vigraha for pooja and distribution of the thirtha after completing nivedana and goshti. Thirtham and viniyoga at Sri Ramanujachary's Shrine.

In April 1930, the Honorary Superintendent of Sri Parakalaswami Mutt complained to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore that contrary to mamool, the Archaka of Sri Ramamujacharya Shrine was worshipping Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and offering thirtha to Sri Yethirajaswamigal immediately after nivedana in the Sri Ramanujacharya Shrine and was returning to the latter for thirtha and viniyoga to the Goshti and that this departure affected the Agra Thirtha honour due to the Mutt. The Amildar who enquired into the matter found that the practice was to offer thirtha and viniyoga to the Goshti in the Sri Ramanujacharya Sannidhi soon after nivedana thereat and then worship Sri Yathirajalu Vigraha and give thirtha to Sri Yathirajaswamigalu and that after the latter came to Melkote, the Archika was worshipping Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and offering thirtha to the Swamigalu immediately after nivedana in the Sri Ramanuja Charya Shrine and before Goshti Thirtha and Viniyoga under instructions alleged to have been issued by the temple Parpathegar. The Amildar ordered that the previous practice should be restored and reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner

~~The Amildar further reported that the arrangement ordered by him followed the Ayakat patti of 1852.~~ The Sri Yethirajaswamigalu having ~~xxxxxxx~~ complained against the order of the Amildar the S.D.O has directed to hold an enquiry and submit a report. The Deputy Commissioner after getting a report from the local officers and hearing the parties observed in his order that the representatives of Sri Parakala Mutt is entitled to Agra Thirtha and that this ~~xxxx~~ privilege would be violated if indirectly the Archaka of Sri Ramanuja Charya Sannidhi gave Thirtha first to Sri Yethirajaswami or his representative in the Mutt before the representative of the Sri Parkala Mutt is given Thirth at the Goshti in Sri Narayanaswami temple at Sri Ramanuja Charya Sannidhi. He further observed that it would be an unnecessary humilation to Sri Yethirajaswami, if worship of Vigraha and distribution of thirtha is postponed till after Goshti Viniyoga at Sri Ramanujacharya's Shrine and that to give Agra Thirtha to a representative of Sri Parkalswami in the Sri Yethirajamutt would not also be a ~~xxxx~~ satisfactory arrangement. He ordered therefore the following arrangement: -

When the Sri Yethirajaswami is not camping at Melkote the archaka of the Sri Ramanujacharya's Sannidhi should worship the Sri Yethirja Vigraha before the distribution of Thirtha to the Goshti in the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Sri Ramanujacharya's sannidhi. There would be no distribution of Thirtha to the Goshti at the Sri Yethiraja Sannidhi.

Whenever the Sri Yethirajaswami camps at Melkote he may be allowed to send his own archak to the Sri Narayanaswami temple to take Thirtha and Nivedana for worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and for the distribution of Thirtha the Goshti of his disciples at the Sri Yethiraja Sannidhi. Thirtha and nivedana due from Sri Narayanaswami temple to the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha as a Suttalgudi may be sent with the archak deputed by the Sri Yathirajaswami before Goshti in the Sri Ramanujacharya's sannidhi.

Both the parties were dissatisfied with the order and appealed to the Muzrai Commissioner. The Sri Parakala mutt contended that the worship of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha was as borne out by the Ayakat Patti of 1852 taking place onl after goshti viniyoga at Sri Ramanuja Shrine and that the Deputy Commissioner's Order deprived the Mutt of the Agra-Thirtha Honour while on behalf of the Sri Yethiraja Mutt it was contended that as per Ayakat Patti of 1851 and 1852 the worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha should take place before goshti viniyoga at Sri Ramanujacharya Shrine and that the Sri Parakala Mutt's right to Agra Thirtha is specifically restricted to the time of "Shathmari" and that this mutt has itself stated that there is no objection to the Thirtha being sent to Sri Yethirajaswami's temple before distribution of thirtha to Goshti and that there is no Mamool for postponing the distribution of thirtha at Sri Yethirajaswami Shrine till after goshti thirtha in Sri Ramanujacharya's shrine. Both the parties relied on the Ayakat Patti of 1852.

The Muzrai Commissioner observed that the Deputy Commissioner's order aimed at effecting a compromise between the parties and that it was difficult to settle matters of privilege and prestige in temple practices by appeal to logic and set aside the arrangement ordered by the Deputy Commissioner. He opinined that as Sri Parakalaswamigalu is entitled to AgraThirtha as Rajagopuram and as this procedure is allowed in other Suthalgudies, the same arrangement should be enforced in respect of Suthalgudi situated in Sri Yethiraj Mutt also. He ordered accordingly that pooja should be done in Sri Ramanujacharya's temple and Goshti Thirtha and viniyoga done giving priority to Sri Parkala Mutt and that the Archak should thereafter go to the Suthalgudi in Sri Yethiraj Mutt, over pooja and distribute thirtha and viniyoga, maintaining even here the priority of Sri Parkala Swami Gosti. The order passed here appealed against.

The following are the grounds of appeal: -

1. The Agra Thirtha honour conceded to Sri Parkala Mutt were specifically restricted to the time of Shatamorai and that at other times, the appellant Mutt's rights for special honours to which his status entitled him were left unimpaired.

2. The Muzrai Commissioner's order has created a new privilege not contemplated by the Govt in favour of the respondent Mutt to the deprivation of an existing privilege in favour of the appellant as recognised in the Ayakat Patti of 1851 and 1852.

3. The appellant has not been afforded an opport

opportunity of placing his aspect of the case before the S.D.O. where enquiry was ~~ex-parte~~ ex-parte.

4. The order placed the appellant Mutt Swami in a humiliating position and reduced his status below that of the agent of the respondent Mutt.

The Case Came on for hearing on The 26th Aug 1939; The Counsel for the appellant & The agent of the respondent together with his Counsel were present and heard.

order. Dated 5.37 Dmy 13.38.7 Govt Records 11-9-39.

The practice which appears to have prevailed during certain periods of interrupting the service in the Shrine of Sri Ramanuja and adjourning to that of Sri Yadhiraja for worship is not justified by usage or reasonable. Such a practice is calculated to impair the right of the Sri Parakala Mutt to Agra Tertha Honors in the Melkote temple and does in all probability unscrupulously introduced for that very purpose. It is ordered under appeal directing that the ceremonies including Goshti Viniyoga lords Agra Tertha to the Rajagopura Steps.

be completed at the Sri Ramanuja shrine, before worship is commenced in the Yatiraja Swamin Shrine has therefore to be upheld.

The question as to whether the Sri Parala Mutt should be given precedence over again in the Sri Tirthan of Tirtha at the Yatiraja Swamin Shrine was raised at a late stage of the Controversy - It involves issues of a somewhat different character and has to be settled, by the local Mag. officers in the first instance after due enquiry.

Sd 6/9/39

Foreign Secy Mysore

To

The Dist. Collr
Memo No 538 of 11-9-1939.
The Sarvadikari of Sri Yatiraja Mutt at Melkote C/o
Copy to Mr S. K. Venkataramanaiengar
BA. LLB Advocate Bangalore City.

B.O.

Sd 6/9/39

Memo No 539.
11-9-39

Foreign Secy.

Copy to the Hon. Supdt. of Sri
Parakala Swamie Mutt - Mysore
C/o Mr M. Seshadri B.A. LLB.
Advocate. Cottonpet Bangalore City.

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Sd 6/9/39

Foreign Secy to Govt.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Muzrai Appeal No.5 of 1938-39.

Read :—
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Appellant.	VS.	Respondent.
The Swamigalu of Sri Yathiraj Mutt at Melkote by Agent.		The Swamigalu of Sri Parakala Mutt, Mysore, by the Honorary Superintendent.

SUBJECT.

Appeal against the Muzrai Commissioner's order in the matter of certain arrangements ordered by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, for the worship of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and distribution of Tirtha to Sri Yathiraja Swamigalu at Melkote.

The facts of the case are as follows:-

1. The Sri Yathiraja Vigraha in the Sri Yathiraja Mutt is one of the 14 Suttalgudies of Sri Narayana swami temple at Melkote. A provision at Rs.7-6-0 is made in the sanctioned scale of the main temple for ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಹಿತ in these Suttalgudies. Immediately after Naivedya in the main temple, the parichakas of Suttalgudies receive a padi of ಪಾಯಸ for nivedana, a cup of thirtha, and some tulasi, and these are offered by the concerned Archaks to the respective Suttalgudi deities before distribution of thirtha at the Archai at Sri Ramanuja Charya's shrine. The Archaka at Sri Ramanujacharya's shrine happens to be the Archaka of Sri Yathiraja Vigraha, and consequently he has to go to Sri Yathiraja Vigraha for pooja and distribution of the thirtha after completing nivedana and ghoshti, Thirtha and viniyoga at Sri Ramanujachary's Shrine.

In April 1930, the Honorary Superintendent of Sri Parakalaswami Mutt complained to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, that contrary to mamool, the Archaka of Sri Ramanujacharya Shrine was worshipping Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and offering thirtha to Sri Yathirajaswamigal immediately after nivedana in the Sri Ramanujacharya Shrine and was returning to the latter for thirtha and viniyoga to the Goshti and that this departure affected the Agra Thirtha honour due to the Mutt. The Amildar who enquired into the matter found that the practice was to

Sannidhi soon after nivedna thereat and then worship Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and give thirtha to Sri Yathirajaswamigalu and that after the latter came to Melkote, the Archaka was worshipping Sri Yathiraja Vigraha and offering thirtha to the Swamigalu immediately after nivedana in the Sri Ramanuja Charya Shrine and before Goshti Thirtha and Viniyoga under instructions alleged to have been issued by the temple Parupathegar. The Amildar ordered that the previous practice should be restored, and reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner. The Sri Yathirajaswamigalu having complained against the order of the Amildar, the Sub Division Officer was directed to hold an enquiry and submit a report. The Deputy Commissioner after getting a report from the local officers and hearing the parties observed in his order that the representative of Sri Parakala Mutt is entitled to Agra Thirtha and that this privilege would be violated if indirectly the Archaka of Sri Ramanujacharya Sannidhi gave Thirtha first to Sri Yathirajaswami or his representative in the mutt before the representative of Sri Parakala Mutt is given Thirtha at the Goshti in Sri Narayanaswami temple at Sri Ramanuja Charya Sannidhi. He further observed that it would be an unnecessary humiliation to Sri Yathirajaswami, if worship of Vigraha and distribution of Thirtha is postponed till after Goshti Viniyoga at Sri Ramanujacharya's Shrine and that to give Agra Thirtha to a representative of Sri Parakalaswami in the Sri Yathirajamutt would not also be a satisfactory arrangement. He ordered therefore the following arrangement:-

When the Sri Yathirajaswami is not camping at Melkote, the archaka of the Sri Ramanujacharya's Sannidhi should worship the Sri Yathiraja Vigraha before the distribution of Thirtha to the Goshti in the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Sri Ramanujacharya's sannidhi. There would be no distribution of Thirtha to the Goshti at the Sri Yathiraja Sannidhi.

Whenever the Sri Yathirajaswami camps at Melkote he may be allowed to send his own archak to the Sri Narayanaswami

temple to take Thirtha and Nivedana for worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha and for the distribution of Thirtha to the Goshti of his disciples at the Sri Yethiraja Sannidhi. Thirtha and nivedana due from Sri Narayanaswami temple to the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha as a Suttalgudi may be sent with the archak deputed by the Sri Yethirajaswami before Goshti as the Ramanujacharya's sannidhi.

Both the parties were dissatisfied with the order and appealed to the Muzrai Commissioner. The Sri Parakalamutt contended that the worship of Sri Yethiraja Vigraha was as borne out by the Ayakat Patti of 1852 taking place only after goshti vinayagar at Sri Ramanuja Shrine and that the Deputy Commissioner's Order deprived the Mutt of the Agra Thirtha honour while on behalf of the Sri Yethiraja Mutt it was contended that as per Ayakat Pattis of 1851 and 1852 the worship of the Sri Yethiraja Vigraha should take place before goshti vinayagar at Sri Ramanujacharya Shrine and that the Sri Parakala Mutt's right to Agra Thirtha as specifically rested to the time of "Shathumorai" and that this mutt has itself stated that there is no objection to the Thirtha being sent to Sri Yethirajaswami's temple before distribution of thirtha to Goshti and that there is no mamool for postponing the distribution of thirtha at Sri Yethirajaswami Shrine till after goshti thirtha in Sri Ramanujacharya's shrine. Both the parties relied on the Ayakat Patti of 1852.

The Muzrai Commissioner observed that the Deputy Commissioner's order aimed at effecting a compromise between the parties and that it was difficult to settle matters of privilege and prestige in temple practices by appeal to logic and set aside the arrangement ordered by the Deputy Commissioner. He opined that as Sri Parakalaswamigalu is entitled to Agra Thirtha as Raja Guru and as this procedure is allowed in other Suthalgudis, the same arrangement should be enforced in respect of Suthalgudi situated in Sri Yethiraj Mutt also. He ordered accordingly that pooja should be done in Sri Ramanujacharya's temple and Goshti Thirtha and vinayaga done giving priority to Sri Parakala Mutt and that the Archak should

thereafter

thereafter go to the Suthalgudi in Sri Yethiraj Mutt, offer pooja and distribute thirtha and Viniyoga, maintaining even here the priority of Sri Parakalaswamigalu. This order passed is now appealed against.

The case came on for hearing on the 26th August 1939; the counsel for the appellant and the agent of the respondent together with his counsel were present and were heard.

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Dated, Bangalore, the 15th September 1939.

The practice which appears to have prevailed during certain periods of interrupting the service in the Shrine of Sri Ramanuja and adjourning to that of Sri Yathiraja for worship is not justified by usage or authority. Such practice is calculated to impair the right of the Sri Parakala Mutt to agra Thirtha Honours in the Melkote temple and was in all probability surreptitiously introduced for that very purpose. The Mysore Commissioner's order under appeal directing that the ceremonies including Goshti Viniyoga with Agra Thirtha to the Rajaguru should be completed at the Sri Ramanuja Shrine, before worship is commenced in the Yathirajaswami Shrine has therefore to be upheld.

The question as to whether the Sri Parakala Mutt should be given precedence only again in the distribution of Thirtha at the Yathirajaswami Shrine may be left to the stage of the controversy It involves issues of a somewhat different character, and has to be settled, by the Local Muzrai Officers in the first instance after due enquiry.

(Sd) J. Appaji Gowda.

General Secretary to Government

To

The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, with records.

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